

The Whale's Tale

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The Commodore's Report

Scott Shelby



Can you believe it is already November? I for one was not ready for summer to end, especially since it didn't really start here until September. This month comes on strong with a lot of great events at our club so please mark your calendars. By the time you are reading this we just held our annual Halloween Party which is the one event of the year that we really do get the excuse to dress up in strange outfits and act crazy, unlike most of the other times that we simply do it for the fun of it.

The Commodores Ball is November 13th and once again we are being treated to a gourmet meal created by Chef **Jason Richards**, lead Chef of the renowned Sierra Nevada Taproom Restaurant and his lovely wife Danielle. Dust off those fancy duds and come help celebrate our 41st successful year at BBYC. We will also be having a very special Lobster dinner on Saturday November 20th sponsored by Beth Friedman. As you can well imagine, to take on such a dinner requires good advance planning and commitment so you will



The annual BBYC Halloween party was the cat's meow.

be seeing evite announcements soon. This dinner will require reservations and payment in advance so we can have the proper number of lobsters for your dining pleasure.

We also want to let everyone know we have a number of new

members that have just joined our great club so if you see new faces be sure to introduce yourselves and show them how friendly this club really is.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

The Vice Commodore's Report

Jeff Simson

Hello everyone. October was a fun month for all. We had the OktoberFest Party, Halloween Party, a Cruise-in and a Cruise-out. The BBYC Cruise-out to Jack London was full of fun

and plenty of excitement. I'll save the exciting part for Kim and Lowell Crow to share.

I have a funny story to share about our stay at Jack London Square Marina. My wife Karen and I decided to stay an extra night and head back Monday morning. At about 3:30 am, still in bed, we awoke to hear men talking loudly, maybe fishermen on a "party boat" and loud banging or hammering-like
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The Cruise-out Report

Jeff Fuller

Lowell Crow has told me more than once that he has always liked the cruise-outs that he has gone on. I have to agree with him. They're all different and interesting in their own special way. Also there is the common thread of having club friends along to enjoy the weekend.

You may have heard that Lowell did some damage to the bottom of his boat at the entrance to the estuary as he was going to our cruise-out to Jack London Square on October 16-17. After the ordeal of having his boat towed and put on a trailer I thought there is no way Lowell and Kim were going to enjoy this cruise-out. I got a call from Lowell as his boat was being put on a trailer, courtesy of The Small Boat Motor Mart. He wondered if anyone had room on their boat for him and Kim. Of course we had room for them to stay. I knew then that Lowell and Kim truly do enjoy all the cruise-outs.

We had a great time at Jack London Square. Some of us ate ribs that Bill and Kathy Stapp made and others went to El Pescadores. On Sunday morning we enjoyed the Farmers Market.

The last cruise-out of the year is coming up. We will be cruising to the Presidio Yacht Club. It is a friendly club with a military background. It is located near the North Tower of The Golden Gate Bridge, across from the Cavallo Point resort. This area has a park-like setting with many trails to hike. We will take a taxi ride into Sausalito for dinner and then come back to The Presidio Yacht Club to listen and/or dance to the band they are providing. Be aware that there is limited dock space. We will put the boats on the docks that best fit in the space. So we may have you anchor in the harbor and dingy in. I will bring my dingy and plan on anchoring out so I can bring you to shore if necessary. Sign up at the club or email jeffmarine@comcast.net.

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noises as if someone was building a backyard redwood fence (in Jack London Marina ?). After hearing the noises off and on for about an hour or so, Karen went up on the fly-bridge to investigate. It was still dark out and hard to see, but she could hear the hammering and men talking loudly but there weren't any fishing boats to be seen.

Later in the morning, as it turned out, the noise was coming from Kincaid's Restaurant. It seems

the restaurant developed a leak in their roof during Sunday's rain and a roofing crew was repairing the roof.

I would like to welcome our newest Yacht Club member, **Terry Pipp**. We hope to see Terry at our membership meeting on November 6, and I hope to see everyone else there too. Just a reminder, November 6 is the membership meeting and election night for our new Board Members for 2011. Hope to see you all there, as well as at the Commodore's Ball on November 13.

As always, come down and enjoy 'your club'.

The Pirate Party

Photos by David Alexander and Lou Ann Roth



NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Board of Directors Meeting	4	5	6 Membership Mtg. & Election/Bushmill's Steak Dinner
7	8	9	10	11 SSA Meeting	12	13 Commodore's Ball Lucky Lew Band Dinner 7:00 pm
14	15	16	17	18 3rd Thursday Dinner 7:00 pm	19	20 Dinner 7:00 pm Presidio YC Cruise-out
21	22	24	24	25 Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner	26	27 Decorating Party and Turkey Soup Dinner
28	29	30				

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Board of Directors Meeting	2	3	4 Christmas Boutique & Soup Night Lighted Boat Parade
5	6	7	8	9 SSA Meeting	10	11 Membership Dinner & Election Night
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Dinner 7:00 pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Orphan's Dinner Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Party	

The Rear Commodore's Report

Dave "Tinker" Hall

Hi everyone, Tinker here. Well, it's November already. I hope you receive this in time to come to dinner on the 6th. I am going to prepare Bushmills Steak with the usual sides.

I have added a few new wines to the wine list. A nice Malbec at \$4, and a premium Chardonnay for \$6. Artesa is a nice change from Kendall-Jackson. I also added an Italian Brut sparkling wine in splits. Guess you are not supposed to call it Champagne unless it comes from France. I like it and will sell it for \$6, same as a glass of Korbel, and you get more than a single glass out of the split.

Now for another subject. This is a volunteer club, and we need volunteers for the Board and bridge. I have been Rear Commodore for three and a half years. It is time for someone else to take on the job. I will train you and help a little but I've had the job way too long. It helps if you are a bartender, but it's not required. The most important thing would be your ability or inclination to stop by the club several times a week to keep thing running smoothly. So get involved with your club. End of soapbox.

See you around the club.



The (non) Merchandise Report

Kim Crow

What a night it was! Our Oktoberfest on October 9 was great fun. Islander 36 Sailing Club sailed in to join us for what proved to be a night of camaraderie and merrymaking. They are a really upbeat group ready for a good time, and did we ever have it. The food by **Lou Ann** included sauerbraten, sauerkraut with brats, spinach salad, German style potato salad and an apple cobbler to die for.

It was all delicious and very authentic. Rear Commodore Tinker, resplendent in lederne hosen, had special brews for all and worked his little tush off seeing that everyone was accommodated with a libation.

And then the music started—good old German polka music that got everyone's feet to tapping. Bonnie and Ray, pictured, really tripped the light fantastic, as did many other revelers. Did you know that Bonnie and Ray spent several years in Deutschland and really know how to polka?

Altogether, it made for a fantastic evening and we'd like to give a special danke schoen to Lou Ann and Tinker for putting it together.